

Central & Camelback Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site

Community Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, November 10, 2003
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
1110 W. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ

FINAL MINUTES

PIOU#: 04-078

Members in attendance:

Pam Perry
Allene Pierce-Avey
Pete Zorbas
Lynn Morrow

ADEQ Staff in attendance:

Tom Di Domizio, Project Manager
Cortland Coleman, Community Involvement
Coordinator
Monica Mascareno, Community Involvement
Coordinator

Members absent:

Frank Connell

Others in attendance:

Joe Helm, Brophy High School

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The meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided upon at the meeting:

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Coleman at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Coleman introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

2. Acceptance or Changes to June 19, 2003 minutes

Since a quorum was not in attendance at this juncture it was decided to table approval and/or discussion of the June 19, 2003 minutes.

**3. Review of current status, activities and future budget at Central & Camelback WQARF sites
(Project Manager: Tom Di Domizio)**

Mr. Di Domizio made a handout available regarding the current status of activities at the site.

Mr Di Domizio stated that the hydrologist for the site, John Kivett, is leaving ADEQ. A new hydrologist will be assigned to the site sometime in the future.

Mr. Di Domizio stated that over 36 million gallons of water have been treated at a rate of 80 gallons per minute. The system has experienced no breakdowns and has been running continuously since it was turned on.

The second carbon change out occurred in August, the first in April. Original estimates of change outs needing to occur every 10-13 days were overly aggressive. Change outs are occurring approximately once every 4-5 months. Next change out will likely occur around January/February 2004. Contaminant levels are decreasing, so therefore the carbon lasts longer.

Last sampling, done in September 2003, influent concentrations for PCE was 280 parts per billion (PPB). MTBE was detected at 3 PPB. An expected MTBE spike in samples has not yet occurred.

Effluent sampling has always been non-detect.

In September 2003, ADEQ undertook a pigeon-proofing project which has been successful in keeping the pigeons out of the treatment facility.

Westin, the contractor for building of the facility as well as operation and maintenance (O&M), is not included on the approved new list of State of Arizona contractors. A new contractor will need to be bid on and assigned to the site for O&M duties.

An Early Response Action (ERA) will be undertaken at the Maroney's Cleaners site. A new contractor will be needed for that work as well as the O&M at the treatment facility.

CAB member Avey-Pierce asked if Westin is able to perform the O&M work until a new contractor is chosen. Mr. Di Domizio replied that he and Mr. Rich Olm are conducting O&M at the facility. Westin is finishing some reports, and things are running smoothly at the facility.

XXXX(m) asked about a warranty on services and equipment at the facility. Mr. Di Domizio responded that there is a warranty on equipment, through Westin's subcontractors.

Mr. Di Domizio also stated that several contractors have submitted Conflict of Interest letters to ADEQ. ADEQ hopes to narrow the list of prospective contractors and then make a decision based on qualifications and cost.

The ERA which will take place at Maroney's will include soil gas survey to determine where source releases are located on the property and then follow that action with soil boring, the installation of at least one monitor well and determine if an ERA will be necessary at the property, which would most likely include a Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) unit.

XXXX(f) asked if any of this activity will impact the ability to put a proposed light rail station on the property. Mr. Di Domizio replied that there will be no adverse impact with regard to the light rail station, assuming that another treatment facility does not need to be built.

XXXX(f) inquired about the remediation system at the Unocal station. Mr. Di Domizio replied that the remediation system has been taken down. He went on to state that contaminants of concern have been remediated from the site, with the exception of 1,2 DCA, which the Unocal system was unable to effectively remediate. A plan of natural attenuation for the remaining contaminants is being submitted to the Underground Storage Tank section for approval.

XXXX(f) asked about bio-fowling of the system. Mr. Di Domizio that none has been seen, yet.

Mr. Di Domizio stated that for FY04, \$315,000 had been allotted for the site. O&M is expected to cost approximately \$155,000 for the fiscal year. Approximately \$160,000 is available for source area

investigation. Central & Camelback will always be a high priority for ADEQ because of the treatment facility and ongoing O&M.

XXXX(f) asked about groundwater levels in the area. Mr. Di Domizio replied that those groundwater levels have been, and continue to drop in the area, due in part to SRP and ADEQ pumping.

Mr. Di Domizio mentioned that the lining of the canal is still yet to take place.

XXXX(m) mentioned that a few of the trees at the facility have died. Mr. Di Domizio confirmed that fact and added that the site is still owed another tree which will be planted in the future.

2. (Continued) Discussion and approval of June 19, 2003 minutes

Since a quorum was now present it was decided to revisit the issue of the June 19, 2003 minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented, motion was seconded and the June 19, 2003 minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Call to the Public

No members of the general public wished to speak.

5. New Business / Future Meeting plans

Mr. Coleman mentioned that the City of Phoenix's (COP) draft application for a Brownfields Assessment Grant was included in the CAB packets. Mrs. Rosanne Sanchez from COP was unable to attend the meeting but asked that the draft application be made available to CAB members. She also requested that the CAB members author a joint letter of support, as well as submit any comments, to the COP regarding the application by November 21. After brief discussion, it was decided that the CAB would need additional information before taking such action. The CAB had several questions regarding their role in relation to Mrs. Sanchez' request, a letter of support, the application and its' overlap with regard to the Central & Camelback WQARF site. Mr. Coleman would contact Mrs. Sanchez and ask her to contact the CAB members with her request.

Mrs. Pierce-Avey asked how the remediation at Central and Camelback is affecting the building at One East Camelback. Mr. Di Dimozio replied that PCE levels are declining in the building.

Mrs. Pierce-Avey asked why the trees at the facility died. Mr. Di Domizio replied that he believes it was largely a climate issue. The tress had a very difficult time during the hot summer. New trees will be replanted in the future, with one tree being under warranty to ADEQ. The new contractor will eventually take over responsibility for maintenance of the trees.

Mr. Zorbas asked how ADEQ works with subcontractors. Mr. Di Domizio replied that if people have an issue, question, or comment for the contractor or subcontractor, they should contact him (Mr. Di Domizio) directly so he can bring it to the attention of the proper person.

XXXX(m) asked about the pump to SRP on the southwest corner of Central & Camelback and how any alteration could affect the site and treatment facility operations. Mr. Di Domizio replied that he is not aware of any alterations scheduled for the discharge point. He stated that SRP does have shut-down capabilities over the system in case of emergency.

XXXX(f) asked about property issues surrounding the billboard on the southwest corner of Central & Camelback. Mr. Di Domizio stated that he was not aware of any current issues regarding the signage.

XXXX(f) asked about what actions/proof is necessary to close Maroney's Cleaners if they were found to be currently contributing to contamination at the site. Mr. Di Domizio replied that we have no power to close that operation, but ADEQ would address the proper steps if current contamination was found to be taking place due to the activity at Maroney's.

Mr. Zorbas requested that the COP be on the next agenda and at the next meeting for a review of light rail activity at the site.

It was agreed that the CAB would meet in the spring season of 2004 after the contractor is chosen or other major milestone is achieved at the site.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03p.m.